

California Secure Choice draft governance policies
Summary of changes
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Here is a summary of the key changes and additions in the draft governance policies in comparison to the policy concept paper introduced at the board workshop on February 1. These changes are based on feedback received at the workshop, feedback from the executive director, and best practices.

The order and organization has changed so that the policies progress from broader to more specific policies.

1. Role of the Board: A brief description of the role of the board has been added.
2. Delegations to the executive director: This is a new policy that conveys the relationship between the board and the executive director. In the organization of the policies, this logically comes after role of the board.
3. Strategic leadership: This is largely the same as in the original concept paper, with some clarifying details.
4. Financial oversight: This is largely the same as in the concept paper, with clarification that the board works with the executive director to prepare “broad budget concepts.”
5. Program administration: This is a new policy, intended to capture this key aspect of the board’s responsibilities.
6. Unity of control: This is largely the same as in the concept paper
7. Executive Director’s reports to the board: This has been expanded to list more reports.
8. Transparency of board meetings: This is largely the same as in the concept paper.
9. Board member code of conduct: The portion dealing with ex parte communication has been deleted. Otherwise, this is largely the same as in the concept paper.
10. Communications with media: The policy now distinguishes between the role of individuals speaking in their capacity as board members vs. speaking as individuals. Otherwise, this is largely the same as in the concept paper.
11. Communications with stakeholders: This has been modified. It now says that individual board members and the executive director can speak to any stakeholder. It contains similar ground rules as in the original concept paper.
12. Evaluating the executive director: This is largely the same as in the concept paper.
13. Role of the board chair: This has been expanded to include the language in statute, as well as to clarify the relationship between the chair and the executive director.
14. Role of committees: This has been modified to address both board-appointed and staff-appointed committees.
15. Delegations to the executive director with respect to purchases and contracts: This is largely the same as in the concept paper, with the exception that it now includes delegations with respect to purchases.